GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Congenital Diseases
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the cases of congenital diseases and deficiencies among children are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study for ascertaining the factors responsible for increase in number of such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereon; and

(e) the remedial steps taken/proposes to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): Under National Health Mission, the Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) for screening of all the children from 0-18 years of age including school children for 4 D"s i.e. defects, Deficiencies, Diseases, and Development delays including disability. As reported by State/UT, details for congenital defects and Deficiencies for last two years are at annexure.
(c) to (e): The Government of India also initiated a birth defect surveillance system in selected tertiary facilities to understand the various risk factors associated with defects at birth. Based on this further investigation and intervention would be conducted for identified risk factors.
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